



Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Community Care Waiver – Renewal

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What is the Community Care Waiver (CCW)?

- ❑ 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver.
- ❑ Provides specialized (waiver) services to support eligible individuals with developmental disabilities in the least restrictive setting.
- ❑ Person-driven, long-term support system that offers choice and access to services which aid in diverting and/or transitioning individuals from institutional settings to community living arrangements.



CCW is intended for individuals who:

- ❑ Exhibit substantial functional limitations in 3 or more major life areas due to an intellectual or physical impairment, or combination of intellectual or physical impairments, that manifest before age 22 and which are likely to continue indefinitely;
- ❑ Demonstrate deficiencies in self-care; and
- ❑ Need the CCW support services so that they may reside in the community, thus preventing the need for long-term institutional placement.



Eligibility Criteria

- ❑ Resident of New Jersey
- ❑ U.S. Citizen or qualified alien
- ❑ DDD eligible and Medicaid eligible
- ❑ Must need and utilize at least 2 CCW services
- ❑ Must meet clinical level of care (i.e. eligibility for ICF/ID)
- ❑ Must meet DDD's "emergency" criteria or reach top of CCW Waiting List



What does it mean to be “on the waiver?”

- ❑ Individual must maintain Medicaid eligibility.
- ❑ Individuals will receive waiver services that meet their assessed needs.
- ❑ DDD determines what those needs are through an assessment.
- ❑ Individual’s Service Plan outlines and authorizes the specific services to meet those needs.
- ❑ Individuals’ needs are re-assessed at least annually.



CCW Renewal & Amendment

- ❑ CCW is due to expire September 30, 2013.
- ❑ Renewal submitted to CMS July 2013.
- ❑ Renewed CCW will go into effect October 1, 2013.
- ❑ Renewal included several needed updates.
- ❑ Amendment will be submitted soon to make additional changes.
- ❑ Stakeholder email will be established for additional input into Amendment.



Renewal: Summary of Changes

- ❑ Licensing of GH/SA – 2 year cycle.
- ❑ Clarify monthly CM requirement by Oct. 2014.
- ❑ Addition of New Jersey Workability as an approved Medicaid eligibility group for CCW.
- ❑ Single assessment tool: New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (*NJ CAT*)
- ❑ New services and revisions to definitions/limitations of existing services.



New Jersey Comprehensive Assessment Tool (NJ CAT)

- ❑ Mandated under Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (CMW)
- ❑ DDD is implementing the use of a single assessment tool – the NJ CAT – which will include both:
 - Functional Criteria Assessment (FCA)
 - Developmental Disabilities Resource Tool (DDRT)



CCW Renewal: New Services Added

- ❑ Added several services to comport with Supports Program:
 - ❑ Behavioral Supports (with limits)
 - ❑ PT, OT & Speech Therapies (for habilitation) (with limits)
 - ❑ Prevocational Training
 - ❑ Career Planning



CCW Services

(italics denotes new services)

- ❑ Case Management
- ❑ Day Habilitation
- ❑ Individual Supports
- ❑ *Prevocational Services*
- ❑ Respite
- ❑ Supported Employment
 - ❑ *Individual & Small Group*
- ❑ Support Coordination
- ❑ Assistive Technology
- ❑ *Behavioral Management*
- ❑ *Career Planning*
- ❑ Community Transition Services
- ❑ Environmental Modifications
- ❑ *Occupational Therapy*
- ❑ Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- ❑ *Physical Therapy*
- ❑ *Speech, Language, & Hearing Therapy*
- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Vehicle Modifications



CCW Renewal: Existing Service Revisions

- ❑ Day Habilitation – increase to 30 hrs/wk. (currently 25), exclusive of transportation time.
- ❑ Supported Employment separated into:
 - ❑ Individual Employment Support
 - ❑ Small Group Employment Support
- ❑ Transportation – reimbursable as long as documented in Service Plan (no longer has to be to a CCW service)
- ❑ Revisions to some qualified provider criteria.



What's Next...

- ❑ Work with CMS to approve the CCW renewal application to implement the proposed revisions effective 10/1/13.
- ❑ Continuing working with the rate setting study to transition CCW services into fee-for-service. Some new CCW services may be paid FFS.
- ❑ Amendment to the CCW is expected soon!